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Good morning MPP Stephanie Bowman and Premier Doug Ford, I hope both of your campaigns over the Victoria long weekend was fruitful and a learning experience. During a shopping trip this weekend into the Thorncliffe Park community I was met by a group of individuals that asked for a few minutes of my time. They presented me with a double-sided 4 page document that shed light on the proposed Metrolinx Train Yard in their community. I have in the past always sided with any movement that grew my beloved City of Toronto and province of Ontario in the direction of innovation and prosperity, after all how can Torontonians want to live in a World class city without having the infrastructure to support it. I believe the project has merit but I strongly feel that some changes should still be considered. This proposed mega wall is divisive and reminds me of the wall the USA built to keep the residence of Mexico out. It would be a stark and constant reminder of the same attitude behind that wall. This is a community that I visit for my Petro Can gas fill up on Saturday's as it is a Canadian federal company. My coffee is purchased at that Tim Horton's as it is from a former great Canadian hockey player and not a Seattle based American company. I buy all of my fruits and vegetables from the Food Basics as their freshness is always present due to the dependence of the local residences. My point is that I chose to drive to that community for my household purchases and Saturday errands. This proposed wall will have an effect on my continued purchase choices in this community. I have always made conscientious choices to buy and support Canadian whenever and wherever possible and your proposal at this time takes several of those choices away. In stead of a mega wall might you both consider a wall of retail spaces so that it still provides safety and security for the train yard while still offering the community their purchase choices and jobs that they currently depend on, both students and adult residences. It is not too late to show this community that anything is possible, that changes can be a combined compromise. I believe this is an election opportunity for both you MPP Stephanie and Premier Ford. There is a great concentration of your voters in those high rise apartment buildings with multiple voting family members per household that will vote as a block. Please consider just how many votes you may be leaving unanswered if you both do not address this issue at this time in your campaigns. I purposely sent this email to both of you from different parties and different levels of decision making as my bottom line is to be heard and let this be as nonpartisan as possible. Let your governance of office be to the people of the communities in which you promised to serve. I am available for any further conversations you both may have need from me, in fact I most welcome the opportunity to share just how concerned I truly am about this wall and the long lasting impact it will forever have on this community and its people. Thanks for your time and attention to this matter, kind regards Sandra Ali
Resident home owner of [REDACTED]
For the last 54 years and 3 generations of the Ali family.